Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the decision of the Local Fund Board which is not in favor of this work, but considers the improvement of the existing cart track sufficient.

Subject No. 369
Establishment of an Anglo-Vernacular School at Closepet.

Summary of discussion.—A grant-in-aid of Rs. 10 is being paid from Municipal Funds to the Mission School in the town; but as the education given therein is defective, students are obliged to resort to the schools at Channapatna, Bangalore, Shimoga and other places. A Government Anglo-Vernacular School may be established at Closepet.

Reply of Government.—If without drawing upon the Mission School there can be guaranteed 40 boys for instruction, this can be arranged for.

Subject No. 370
New school building for the town of Dodballapur.

Summary of discussion.—The present school building is very small and is outside the town being attached to the Taluk Cutcherry. A new building large enough for real requirements may be constructed in a more convenient locality.

Reply of Government.—This is understood to be under the consideration of the Education Department.

Subject No. 371
Removal of Dead house now in the heart of the town of Dodballapur.

Summary of discussion.—There is a dead house in the heart of the town. On a previous representation, arrangements regarding its removal to a less objectionable locality were promised. Early orders may be issued in the matter

Reply of Government.—This is reported to be under correspondence and will be expedited by the authorities concerned.

Subject No. 372
Transfer of Munsiff's Court from Nelamangala to Dodballapur.

Summary of discussion.—There was a Munsiff's Court at Dodballapur some 10 or 12 years ago. It was subsequently transferred to Nelamangala. Its retransfer is desirable in the interests of the people of the Dodballapur Taluk; but if this is deemed inexpedient, the Dodballapur Taluk may be added on to the jurisdiction of the Bangalore Munsiff's Court.

Reply of Government.—No retransfer of the Court is possible. The present arrangement, however, requires revision with reference to railway facilities, and is understood to be engaging the attention of the Chief Court.

Subject No. 373
Nagarkere tank to be temporarily restricted to purposes of water-supply.

Summary of discussion.—Till water-supply arrangements are made for the town of Dodballapur, the Nagarkere tank, which is near the town, should not be drawn upon for irrigation purposes.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and needful action in due course.

Subject No. 374
Revision of house tax.

Summary of discussion.—The minimum house tax is 8 annas and is levied without reference to valuation even on

huts worth only a few rupees. Some such rates as the following would afford relief to occupants of such huts:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Houses valued at Rs. 25 and under ...	0	4	0
Houses valued at from Rs. 25 to 50...	0	8	0

Reply of Government.—Differential rates being reasonable, the matter will be considered in consultation with Deputy Commissioners.

Subject No. 375
Plantation at Gundragalipura to be given over for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—The Government Plantation near Gundragalipura was started about seven or eight years ago and is believed to have cost five or six thousand rupees. A mestri and a watcher are attached to it. Its area is about 300 acres, but not more than 100 casuarina trees are to be found in it, and these, if sold, would hardly fetch Rs. 10. The block was once an occupied land yielding an annual revenue of three or four hundred rupees to Government, but was converted into a plantation when it lay unoccupied owing to the death or desertion of raiyats during the famine. Its restoration to raiyats for cultivation is a matter deserving consideration.

Reply of Government.—The Forest Department do not seem to be keen about retaining it if raiyats can be induced to get up a tope on it. The land cannot be granted for cultivation.

Subject No. 376
Construction of a tank across Burdanahalli nalla.

Summary of discussion.—The construction of a tank across the Burdanahalli nalla is likely to bring about 4,000 acres of land under wet cultivation and to benefit the raiyats of Harohalli and 20 other villages.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner will investigate this in the first instance and, if necessary, place himself in communication with the Public Works Department.

Subject No. 377
Reduction of assessment on certain lands.

Summary of discussion.—During the Survey Settlement, gomal lands were granted to raiyats on assessment ranging from 14 to 8 annas an acre: but as such lands have never been cultivated and as the raiyats own large areas of 100 or 200 acres each purely for grazing purposes, the assessment thereof should be reduced to amounts ranging from 4 to 8 annas.

Reply of Government.—The rates are fair and no revision is feasible.

Subject No. 378
Establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Closepet.

Summary of discussion.—The situation of Civil Courts in Bangalore is inconvenient. Parties and witnesses suffer much by frequent adjournments of cases filed in these Courts. A Munsiff's Court may, therefore, be established at Closepet.

Reply of Government.—Noted.